

HOUSE RESOLUTION 211

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the organizers and participants of the *Conscious Music Conference: Women and Hip Hop* in Nashville.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have endeavored to promote social responsibility and personal empowerment through the founding and organizing of the *Conscious Music Conference: Women and Hip Hop*; and

WHEREAS, founded by Deborah Robinson, host of *The Deborah Interviews Show*, *Conscious Music Conference: Women and Hip Hop* began as a positive reaction to recent hip hop music controversies arising from the derogatory statements made over the airwaves by talk show host Don Imus; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2007, young people, adults, artists, producers, and consumers of hip hop music from across the nation will congregate in Nashville to attend the first *Conscious Music Conference: Women and Hip Hop*, an event which will bravely address the hip hop music industry's portrayal and depiction of women in lyrics and videos while endeavoring to raise the consciousness of the industry relative to women; and

WHEREAS, the *Conscious Music Conference: Women and Hip Hop* will call upon the consciousness and consciences of artists, producers, and distributors of hip hop music to be morally responsible in exercising their right to free speech; and

WHEREAS, the conference will also call upon female industry participants and consumers of hip hop music and culture to use their innate power to change their life and other lives in a positive way and to impact the world for the better; and

WHEREAS, the *Conscious Music Conference: Women and Hip Hop* will feature speakers, panels, workshops, interviews, and discussions to unite artists, producers, and

consumers for the purpose of starting a nationwide movement for conscious music production and consumption; and

WHEREAS, the *Conscious Music Conference: Women and Hip Hop* is a worthy event that will most assuredly bring about a greater measure of responsibility and understanding in our society; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Deborah Robinson, Robinson Omnimedia and Studios, and *The Deborah Interviews Show* for their outstanding efforts and hard work in founding the *Conscious Music Conference: Women and Hip Hop*, and extend to the organizers and participants of this timely event our best wishes for a productive and enlightening conference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.